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PRIORITY -- ~~SECRET~~ -- GENSER MESSAGE -- 7365 CHARACTERS
REFERENCE FROM COMIPAC HONOLULU HI, SSN 0 AT 03 0424Z JAN85

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UBJ: IPAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 1-85 (U)
(DIPS REC. I.D. PN 001) (U)

(U) INDIVIDUAL ITEMS MAY BE FURTHER DISSEMINATED TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE USERS BASED ON CLASSIFICATION AND NEED TO KNOW. REQUESTS TO RELEASE/DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO COMIPAC FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY.

(U) FORWARD WITHOUT SERVICE. INFORMATION PERISHABLE.

(U) THE SECURE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR IPAC ANALYSTS IS 6223,
LESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

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(U) THIS SUMMARY CONTAINS FOUR ITEMS:

- (1) [REDACTED]
- (2) [REDACTED]
- (3) [REDACTED]
- (4) [REDACTED]

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(1) (C/NOCFORN) [REDACTED]

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(3) (U) CHINA: SENIOR MILITARY LEADERS RETIRE.

(U) THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) NEWSPAPER, THE LIBERATION ARMY DAILY, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE RETIREMENT OF 40 SENIOR OFFICERS AT OR ABOVE THE CORPS LEVEL. SEVERAL OF THEM SERVED AS SECTION CHIEFS, RANKING NEXT ONLY TO THE CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEFS OF THE GENERAL STAFF. DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF ZU XIN QUOTED DENG XIAOPING AND DESCRIBED THE RETIRING OFFICERS, MOST OF WHOM WERE OVER THE AGE OF 60, AS "OPEN-MINDED PEOPLE." FURTHER, HE URGED OLDER OFFICERS TO GIVE WAY TO YOUNGER AND MORE COMPETENT LEADERS, STATING, "I HOPE TO SEE MORE OPEN-MINDED PEOPLE IN THE ARMY."

[REDACTED] THE MOVE OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS AN EXECUTION OF CHINESE STRONGMAN DENG'S POLICY TO MODERNIZE THE PLA

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EGUN IN 1978)--TRIM THE PERSONNEL "FAT" WITHIN THE MILITARY, PAR-
ICULARLY THOSE AGED REVOLUTIONARIES (LONG-MARCHERS) WHOSE USEFUL-
NESS HAS LONG PAST. ADDITIONALLY, THIS DEVELOPMENT ALSO COULD BE
TERPRETED AS AN "EXAMPLE" AND A "WARNING" TO SENIOR MILITARY
LEADERS-ON" WHO HAVE RESISTED DENG'S POLICY OF MOVING YOUNGER,
MORE COMPETENT PROFESSIONALS INTO POSITIONS OF HIGHER AUTHORITY
SAT THIS PHASE OF THE MILITARY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS A FAIT
COMPLI AND CONTINUED RESISTANCE IS FUTILE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT
IS "PIECIMEAL" TACTIC OF REJUVENATING THE PLA WILL FURTHER JUS-
TIFY ADDITIONAL ANTICIPATED RETIREMENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS AND
COULD CULMINATE IN A MAJOR RESHUFFLE DURING THE CONFERENCE OF
CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATES, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER.
FURTHERMORE, DENG MAY FEEL THE "TIME AND CONDITIONS ARE RIPE" FOR
IS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOTH THE PARTY MILITARY
AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND THE STATE CENTRAL MILITARY COMMISSION (THE
REPORTED MEMBERSHIPS IN THESE TWO BODIES ARE IDENTICAL). DENG ALSO
MAY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR REJUVENATION OF THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THESE TWO BODIES AND THE TERMINATION OF DUAL-HATTING
IN THESE COMMISSIONS AS A MEANS OF DISTANCING THE PARTY AND STATE
AND THEREBY FOSTER A CHECKS-AND-BALANCE SYSTEM VIS-A-VIS THE PLA,
IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE FUTURE POTENTIAL FOR CERTAIN PARTY OPPOR-
TUNISTS TO USE THE MILITARY TO COERCCE THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

4) (S/MCFORN)

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